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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE	APPLICATION OF:)
MICHAEL C. THUMA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2875
SERIAL NO. 10/773,957) Examiner:
FILED:	02/05/2004) Meghan K. Dunwiddie
FOR:	TRANSFORMABLE FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS)))

RESPONSE

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I certify that this document is being deposited on with the U.S. Postal Service on September 2, 2005 as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Sir:

This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2005.

In that action, the Examiner states that the present application contains six species:

SPECIES	FIGURES
1	1-8
2	9-10
3 .	11-13
4	14
5	15
6	16

The Examiner requires election of a single species and a listing of all claims readable on that species.

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The applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement and asserts that

the subject matter of the six (6) alleged species is interrelated such that a complete

search for full and proper consideration of patentability would be substantially, if not

completely, overlapping.

Should the Examiner maintain the requirements, the applicants elect the first

alleged species (figures 1-8) and submit that at least claims 1-14 and 16-25 read on this

species. Also, the applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 5, 12, 13 and 25 are generic.

Finally, the applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the pending

claims of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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